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Good Day,

My name is Ivy Rose Barclay and I am a senior student at Hartford Public High School's Academy of Nursing and Health Sciences. I am about to graduate and looking forward to continuing in higher education. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony on behalf of **my** school based health center at Hartford High. I am a student with asthma and mental health needs who has accessed the clinic many times in my 3 years here. I have benefited from the continuity of care in my providers and found comfort in coming to my clinic. It is easy to access the health care providers who understand my specific needs. My providers are familiar with most all students in our school and provide easy access, health care information, and follow up care to help me with "outside" appointments.

My mom and I do not have a car and transportation to medical appointments is very difficult. I can access my school clinic any time during the day and always can get follow up the next day, or the next.